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## MEDIA ADVISORY

## Rep. Markey, Activists Rally to Stop 'Outsourcing Torture'

WASHINGTON, DC – Representative Ed Markey joined by other House Members and representatives from several prominent human rights organizations demand an end to the Bush Administration's practice of 'outsourcing torture' through extraordinary rendition, the practice sending prisoners to countries than are known human rights abusers.

In the wake of several press reports confirming that the White House has authorized the CIA to hand over prisoners to other countries for interrogation, including countries known to routinely practice torture, Representative Markey and other Members are working to pass the Torture Outsourcing Prevention Act (HR 952) that would prevent the practice of sending prisoners to countries that are known human rights abusers.

**WHAT**: Rally to Stop the Rendition – the 'outsourcing of torture' with

Representative Ed Markey, Human Rights organizations

**WHO**: Confirmed speakers include:

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA)

Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)

**Human Rights Watch**, U.S. Advocacy Director- Wendy Patten **Human Rights First**, Washington Director - Elisa Massimino

Amnesty International, Director of Government Relations - Alexandra Arriaga

Center for Human Rights and Global Justice New York University School of Law, Research Director - Margaret L.

Satterthwaite

Center for Constitutional Rights, Executive Director - Ron

**Daniels** 

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2005

12:00 PM

**WHERE**: Cannon House Office Building Terrace (Corner of Independence

Ave., SE and New Jersey Ave., SE)

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